PROGRESS OF THE COMMISSION,

A COUNCIL WITH FRIENDLY TRIBES.

RASCALITIES OF INDIAN AGENTS.

Locating Reservations for the Various Tribes.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE HERALD.

Movements of the Commission-Selecting Lands for Reservations-Rascalities of Indian Agents-General Sherman Doubt-ful of a Peaceful Solution of the Troubles-A Talk with Indians-General Harney and

the Savages.

Strange St. John,

Near Bro Cheyenne River,

Mescoun River, August 27, 1857.

We are now near the end of our journey so far as ascend. ng the Missouri river is concorned, as it has been decided by the Commission to go no further at present than the ally. In this vicinity it is the purpose of the Commisander its quidwation almost impossible. It is said that

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It has been common with provide commission to deth the bear without of they continued in their endedregarding with the providence of the continued in the providence of the continued in the continued in the providence of the continued in the

peliod to after sore experience in Algiers-viz, instead

acreation if we do all we can to bell them?

Asswer—Two hundred lodges altogether.

Questron—You asked for four hundred barrels of pork,
four hundred sacks of flour, coffee, segar, &c. Was it
for that particular band, or the whole Slowt nation?

Asswer—For the nation that is going to settle there.

Questron—Why don't you, if you settle there permanently, build houses?

Answer—We would if we could build them.

Questron—Do you know that several tribes in Californis the in houses, like white scopi-?

Asswer—Yes, we heard it last winter.

Questron—Did you ask for twenty farmers.

Answer—Yes,

Questron—How many ploughs do you want?

Answer—Don't know.

Questron—How many yoke of cat'le did you ask for?

Answer—Six yoke for each band.

Questron—Can you use posites for ploughing or cultivating?

They Will Work-Speccoes of Gen. Sanborn

Cheyenne river, the turning round point of the Indian Commission, and are now headed down the stream.

raise corn and potatoes, and enough in quantity to sub-

eaching from Fort Sully to the mouth of the Big Cheyenne is, in the opinion of the Commission, the best

satisfied with it, and are anxious to try the experi-ment of living like white people by cultivating the

It is better to locate them here, if possible, than to fix apon the factife and well wooded country in the vicinity that section, so rich in mineral wealth and adapted to all the requirements of civilization, and there could

The next speaker was the Long Handan, who said:
There is the man (General Harney) who whipped
gense into my head. I have been thinking of it for the
past twelve years. (Handed his certificate to General
Sherman) My friends, that shows it think something
of the whites. I have had that paper for twelve years,
and there is not a spot of dirt on it yet. Last winter
my great grandfather catled me to Washington and
gave me the choice of two things—either to cultivate
the soil or to live upon the bounty of the government.
I decided on the best, and brought my decision to my
people. I thanked the Great Spirit when I heard
General Harney was coming up, for I knew he would
bring good waite man to shake hands with. The six
bands neid a council all night hat night, and they have
given me tueir words to speak. I was born on this side

the linking on presented him when controls cannot be the thought of the control to deportunate and he is here, and I will warry approach to the control of t

or antisticd with what you also them, but constantly brune you for something more, bout ten o'clock in the evening we were honered a serenade and dance by about twenty five or thirty was. We heard them singing their peculiar songe, but a long before they reached the beat, and all is went out on de k to see tham. A fire was built the beat, around which they stood in a circle lag and keeping time to the music with a step simious saker dance. There was only one make, or Indian, in the ring. He was the leader, and force the instrumental music, consisting of a drum, in charge of a tambourine, upon which he kept time a site. The squaws were nearly all quite advanced wars, and were nideously panued. They seemed to y the sport immensely, and kept up the ball four o'drock in the merains, much to the disgustions of the party who were kept awake by their unity music. A large kettle of coffee was made for m, which apparently gave great satisfaction. After

Return of the Commission to Sloux City— Council with the Poncas—They are Willing to Do as the Government Wishes—A Talk with the Santee Sioux—They Feel Satisfied with the Land They Are On and Do Not Wish

STRAMER St. JOHNS,
MISSOURI RIVER, Sept. 19, 1867.
more approaching Stoux City on our rerangements with the Indians in this region that is possito the Indians on the Missouri, however, is not material to the southement of the Indian which nearly the same speeches have been made by the Commissioners and the Indians as those I sent you

with the Poncas, located on a reservation near the Niebrara river, and the Santes Sious, fifteen miles south

you shoep, so that you can have of them meat better than the deer, and from their wool make clothing better than the skins of animals. We will also send you agricultural implements, as many as you want, reapers to cut your grass by horsepower, and sawmills to provide you with immor to build warm and comfortable houses. When that is done, you will live much better than you are now, with all your appropriation. We now hope you will hold immediately another council and reconsider your former resolution. No matter what you do, we shall always be your iriends; but if you agree with us, we hope to make all the people of the United States your friends. Consider for one hour, and give us your answer."

The Indians held another meeting at the close of the council, and deliberated upon the proposals of the tom mission. They flushly deested that they could not ladge of the land or deedle where they wished to locate until they had first examined the land. They promised to send out a party of their hading men to explore the country, and send wort through their agent to the Commission at Omeha as to their deedsloo.

The Commissioners feel satisfied, from the results of their trip, that there is sufficient good bottom hant on the Mussian, in the territory of Dakota, to substit all the Indians located on the river without their being compelled to resort to the chase. Most of the Indians expressed themsolves desirous of absundoning the chase and tearning to five by cultivating the soil. Although nothing has as yet been done directly tonding to exite the difficulties with the hostile Indianz the trip has been productive of much good to the freedly locate them.

The Charges Against Indian Agent Kinney.

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The following correspondence, relative to the charges recently made against Jodge Kinney, is interesting:

To the Agent or the Associated Passa:
The following communication appears in your despatches published this morning. The charges I pronounce maliciously false, and send you the groof, which you will oblige me by publishing. Truly yours,
J. F. KINNEY.

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Kinney, special indian agent a feer Phil Kearry, with gross in justice and fraud in his dealings with the lowar lindians, compelling them to remain in the Sioux country against their will for the purpose of securing trade; that the annuities of \$55, 30 promised them years ago, were never paid, and claims that the goods sold at Kinney's store to the indians were furnished by the government for free distribution.

Hon. Cras. E. Mr., Acting Commissions of Indian Affaira.

Siz:—I enclose you a slip taken from the papers this morning headed "Serious charge against an indian agent"—a telegram from "an Omaho special"—which appears in all the city papers. As this communication contains serious charges against me in my dealings with the lown (meaning from) indians that are basely faine, to the effect that \$25,000 promised the indians three years ago was in my hands, and not paid to "kem, and to the effect that the goods sold at Kinney's "fore to the Indians were furnished by the government for free distribution. I take the liberty of addressing you this letter to olicit answers to the following questions:—

First — Am I or have I ever been special indian agent?

Second—In what capacity did I visit, the Indians at Fort Phil Kearny?

First — Were the goods purchased by me for the Indians at Fort Phil Kearny the goods that had been furnished the Indians by the government for free distribution?

First—Were any goods furnished the Indians at Fort Phil Kearny goods for inshed the Indians at Fort

## AN INCENDIARY AND SUICIDE.

Singular Double Urime—A Plan Arrested for Arson in Setting Fire to His Store is Locked Up in the Station House and Finally Shoots Himself—The Coroner's Inquest. Botween eleven and twelve o'clook yesterday more

a little past four o'clock I was awike by
the amoke, and saw a light which looked like
the currian on fire over the looking glass; I got up and
took my baby and ran out and alarmed the neignorm;
my husband and my servant got up and succeeded in
getting out with the rest of my children; my hasband
was aslesp at the time! discovered the fire; the first
man that came was a man who lived in the basement;
he got a pail of water and threw it on the dree; my husb
band slept on the zoia; he did not sleep with me;
we have had some little difficulty between us, but
not of late; it was only about some company that called to see him; the articles that were
found in the box that was burned have been there even
since; I bought out the store; we used it as an old,
rabbish box; about two montingage I found a pistel in
his possession, which I took away from bim; nevel
as him with the pistel I took from him; nevel
and he would shoot himself; I, however, did not take
anch nettee of it; the pistel I took from him i still have
at home.

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saw him with the pistol now shown; he was a very said the would shoot himself; I, however, did not take much notice of it; the pistol I took from him i still have at home.

Job Keleey being duly sworn, said:—Am doorman of the Swenteenth precinct police station; I came on duly about eight o'clock this manneg, and on going down stairs saw the deceased and spoke to him; he seemed all well; he was in the cell at the time; when the Fira Marshal came I took him out and brough thin up said safer investigating the case they searched him, and found nothing on him of any consequence; I then took him down again, when they made an examination of the box that had been found on fire in the store; during the whole time the prisoner was present he made no remarks whatever; he was ordered into the cell by Sergeant Cook, and I locked him up; after being up here a short time his wife came with some coffee and some other things, which the sergeant ordered me to take down; on going to his cell I found him lying down, and thought him asleep; I halloced to him, but he did not move; I see his provisions down, and then opened the cell door and went in; I shook him, but he did not move; I but my hand to his face, and found it a little cell; I locked down on the floor and saw a pistol; the one now shown is the same; I did not move the pistol, but came up and told Eargeant Motiven that the deceased was a dead man; the sergeant then went down and brought the pistol up; there was no one in the cell while the deceased was there; should think it was about eleven o'clock when I found and engine apparently produced by a pistol shot bail of and and :—I have exampled the deceased and found an expening apparently produced by a pistol shot bail of small size which peacetrised the deceased and found an expening apparently produced by a pistol shot bail of small size which peacetrised the terrunn at the middle, directly on the median time, passing upwards and backwards to the left side, peacetraling the heart, and, in my opinion, causing feath.

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THE AUSTRIAN STEAM SHIP-OF-WAR EMPRESS ELIZADETH. This magnificent vessel, which recently arrived in the port of New York, fired a satute in honor of the American flag, which was responded to from Fort Columbus. She was officially visited by Chevalier Charles de Loosey, Austrian Contul General for the United States, who was Indian makens and visited them in their lodges, some three miles from the river.

The council was held in the afternoon on the bank of the twee, where nearly all of the tribes, men, would not the twee, where nearly all of the tribes, men, would not be the council by saying —We determine the men assembled.

General Sanberro opened the council by saying —We determine the Minister opened the council by saying —We have each horneless and wanderug about a cheen. You have been horneless and wanderug about the balliness to Minister opened the leading at Your Pall Kearay the goods that had been formed the Minister of Nebrasia, the people of wolds have not given their convents to your irring across them. We noted have been formed the indians by the given men to force the said to be a permanent them. We have a permanent the men to be Minister of the Minister of the Minister of the date of Nebrasia, the people of wolds have not to be made of the minister of the date. We note the leading at Fort pall Kearay the goods the failshed the Indians at Fort pall Kearay the goods that had been formed to be interested with all the honors appearating to his rank. We note the Consul left the ship to the said the Minister of the date of Nebrasia, the people of wolds have giver ment for free distribution?

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